THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHISTMAS

Holy Eucharist ❖ December 26, 2021 ❖ 9:00 am



The Greek words "Logos" (Word) and "Theos" (God)

Zoom Link to Worship

Zoom Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532

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Prelude

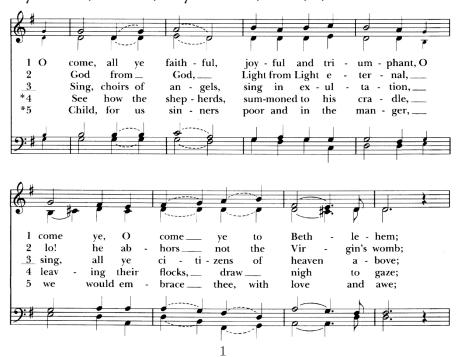
Two Variations on "Vom Himmel hoch" (From heaven I come down)

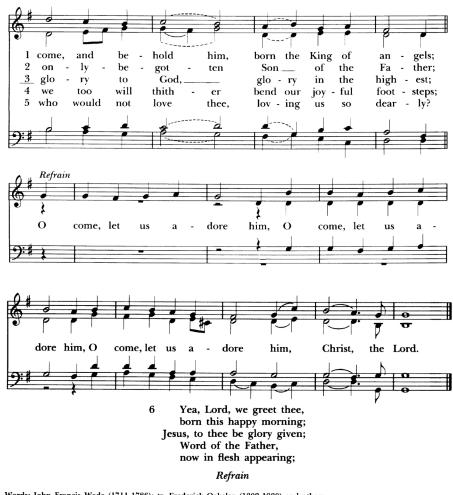
Ernst Pepping (1901-1981)

All stand as the Ministers enter the Church.

Processional Hymn: 83, O come, all ye faithful, vss. 1, 2, 3 and 6

Adeste fideles





Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others Music: Adeste fideles, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906

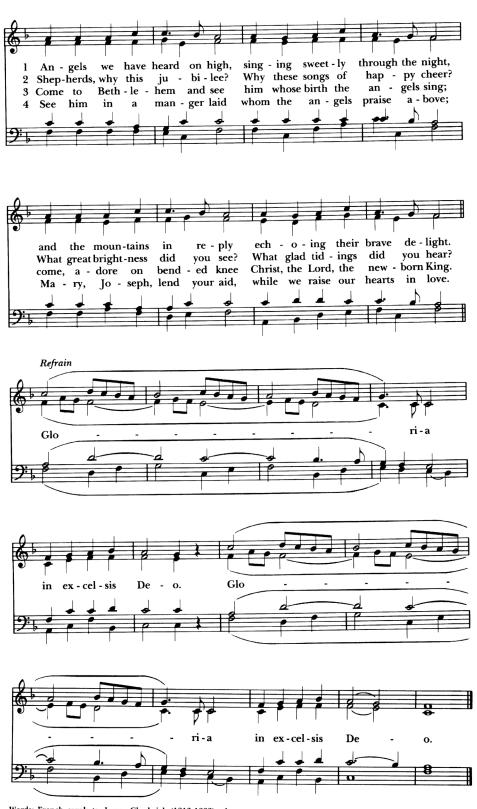
Irr.

The Acclamation and Collect for Purity

People And we beheld his glory, alleluia; Celebrant Glory as of God's only Son, alleluia; People Full of grace and truth, alleluia.

The Celebrant prays the Collect for Purity

ALMIGHTY GOD, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.



Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Music: Gloria, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)

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The Salutation and Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

A CHIGHTY GOD, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

All are seated for the Readings.

The First Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Lector A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the LORD God will cause righteousness and praise

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 147:13-21 Laudate Dominum

to spring up before all the nations.

Lector Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;

praise your God, O Zion;

People For he has strengthened the bars of your gates;

he has blessed your children within you.

Lector He has established peace on your borders; he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

People He sends out his command to the earth, and his word runs very swiftly.

Lector He gives snow like wool;

he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

People He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; who can stand against his cold?

Lector He sends forth his word and melts them; he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

People He declares his word to Jacob,

his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

Lector He has not done so to any other nation;

to them he has not revealed his judgments.

Hallelujah!

The Second Reading

Galatians 3:23-25;4:4-7

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians.

OW BEFORE FAITH CAME, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

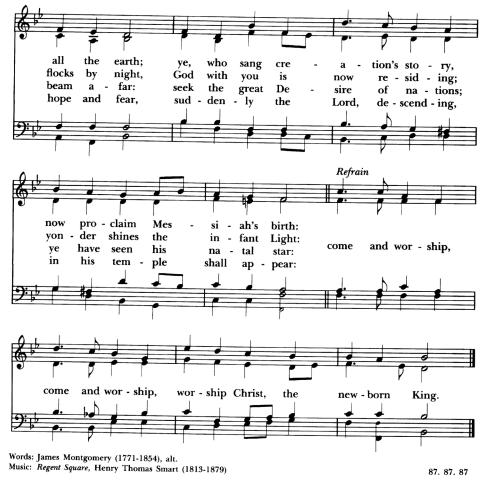
People Thanks be to God.

All then stand to sing this Hymn.

Sequence Hymn: : 93, Angels, from the realms of glory

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The Holy Gospel

John 1:1-18

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart

A period of meditative silence follows the Sermon.

All then stand. The Nicene Creed, the ancient summary of the Christian faith, is recited by all in unison.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The Intercessor offers the People's thanksgivings.

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest;

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

The Intercessor remembers the departed by name.

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The Intercessor remembers those in need by name.

The People may then offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud. After a moment of silence the Celebrant prays this concluding Collect GOD, WHO WONDERFULLY CREATED, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. The People kneel, sit or stand as they are able. All then pray together

MOST MERCIFUL GOD, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant absolves the People, saying

A Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

The People stand.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

All greet one another in the Name of the Lord. The Celebrant greets the People.

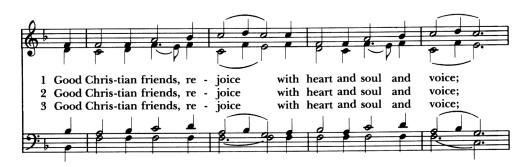
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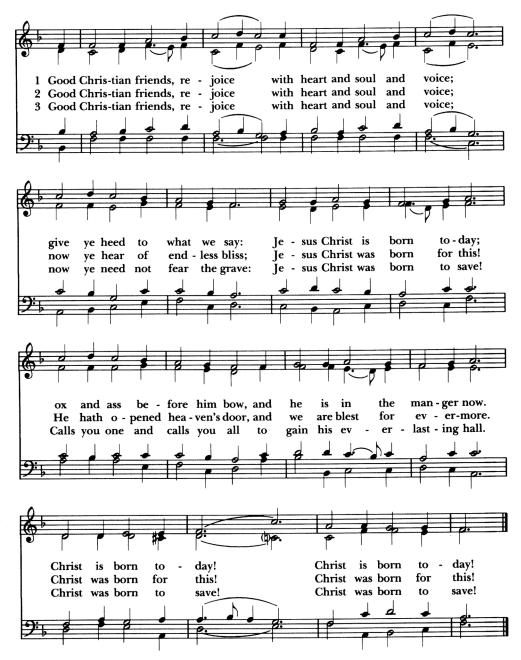
Prelude on "Once in royal David's city"

Arthur Hutchings (1906-1989)

Offertory Hymn: 107, Good Christian friends, rejoice

In dulci jubilo





Words: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: In dulci jubilo, German carol, 14th cent.; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

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The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

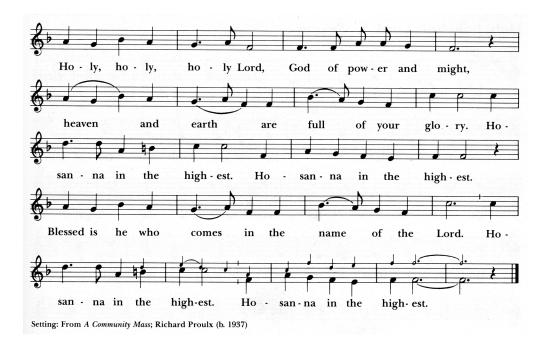
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

S 125 , Sanctus Richard Proulx



The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN*.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All then pray together

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Host.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Music During Communion

Prelude on "In dulci jubilo"

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Everyone is welcome to come forward at this time.

Please follow the direction of the ushers and come forward to gather around the circular altar, beginning with the first row while maintaining a social distance.

The Ministers will be happy to bring Communion to those who prefer to remain seated in the pews.

Please speak to one of the ushers and the Ministers will come to you.

Those who prefer not to receive the Eucharist may receive a blessing (please cross your arms across your chest).

Congregants worshipping on Zoom or Facebook may recite the following prayer since you are unable to partake of the Communion in person.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

JESUS, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come Amen.

The People stand at the Celebrant's direction.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All then pray together

A LMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Christmas Blessing

Celebrant May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him,

bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your hearts with the light of his holiness.

People Amen.

Celebrant May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the

Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

People Amen.

Celebrant May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth

and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor.

People Amen.

Celebrant And the blessing of God Almighty,

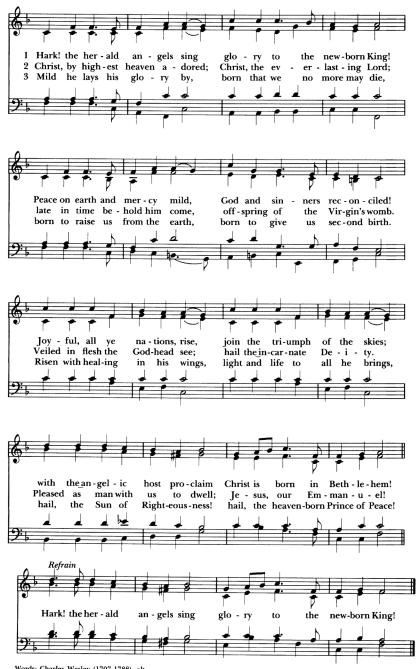
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People Amen.

Hymn in Procession: : 87, Hark! the herald angels sing

Mendelssohn



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William

H. Cummings (1831-1915)

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

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Celebrant The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart

Layreaders and Intercessor Julie Sheffield, Dr. Ray Urwin, Myrna Ireland

Organist Dr. Ray Urwin Altar Guild Jim Palda Zoom Host Ali Haghjoo

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Parish Prayer List

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Julie Mary

Elisabeth Peter and Dan

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Welcome to St. Michael's In-Person and Online Worship!

It's a pleasure to welcome everyone to worship this morning. However you are joining us, the joy of being a Christian community is ours to receive and share. Thanks for being a part of our worship!

Stewardship Update

We have received 50 renewals out of the 86 received last year. Many of those have generously increased their pledge over the prior year. Also, we have 7 new pledges! We are 86% of our way to the goal of \$290,000. For the Finance Committee to complete the budget for next year, it is very important to receive all the pledges for 2022. I encourage you to please submit your pledge for 2022 if you haven't already.

Also, a reminder to please complete your pledge commitment for 2021 before December 31, 2021.

Thank and Bless You, Keith R Lumpkin Stewardship

Office Hours

This week the church office will be closed. Regular office hours will resume on January 4th, 2022.

Tuesday Morning Eucharist

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COVID Guidelines for In-Person Worship

We are happy you are part of our in-person services at St. Michael and All Angels. We are following the current CDC guidelines and State of California mandate, as instructed by Bishop Taylor and require that all worshipers, even those vaccinated, be masked while indoors to protect the unvaccinated. In addition:

- All those who are vaccinated are welcome to shake hands and hug during the Peace.
- Holy Communion will continue to be bread only until further instruction.

Thank you for helping us make our worship services a safer place for all, especially those who are most vulnerable.

Tuesday Night @ Mike's

Tuesday Night @ Mike's will not meet this week. We continue our times together on Tuesday, January 4th.

Questions? Please contact Beth Bianchi.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Sunday School

The Green Room and Yellow Room classes will meet together for a Christmas Party.

Bible Challenge

The Bible Challenge meets on the 3rd Sunday of the Month at 8:00 am. The discussion of our book, **Angels of the Bible** by Kate Moorehead, continues. This book has been wonderfully engaging! If you would like to participate, please email Susan Caldwell. scaldwell@stmikescdm. org. The cost of the book is \$19.00.

January 16th, 2021 8:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting

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Passcode: 018474

The Inklings

Inklings will meet the third Thursday of the month, January 20, 9:30am-11:00am, Davis Library. We will continue our study of **Reflections on the Psalms** by C. S. Lewis. All are welcome to join. This is a hybrid event.

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Drivers Needed!

St. Michael's has in the past arranged transportation to church for parishioners who are unable to drive or do not own a car. If you are willing to participate in this service, or are in need of transportation, please contact the church office or Steve Morris, Ombudsperson on the Vestry.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry group will be working at home this coming week (December 31). We'll meet again in person on Friday, January 7, at 10 am.

Questions? Contact Barbara Stewart <u>barbarastewart001@gmail.com</u>



Repose of the Soul

Harry Bubb died on Tuesday, December 21st. He was surrounded by family at the time of his death. His service will take place at St. Michael and All Angels after the New Year.



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